



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented to*

### **Prevent Child Abuse Hawai'i**

**WHEREAS**, Prevent Child Abuse Hawai'i has been successful in working in partnership with social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, military and the business community to conduct child abuse prevention programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Prevent Child Abuse Hawai'i raises awareness about child abuse and neglect being a community condition and problem, and finding solutions depends on involvement among people in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Prevent Child Abuse Hawai'i educates our community about the approximately 3 million children are reported abused and neglected in this country each year with nearly 5,000 children here in Hawai'i each year;

**WHEREAS**, Prevent Child Abuse Hawai'i promotes a statewide "Pinwheels for Prevention" campaign launched through the media, military, public schools, libraries, social service agencies, and businesses during the month of April to celebrate and bring awareness of the great potential of all children in Hawai'i, and the need to strengthen families with support and nurturing; and

**WHEREAS**, Prevent Child Abuse Hawai'i implements the "Pinwheels for Prevention" campaign includes the planting of "Pinwheel Gardens" statewide celebrating community partnerships for strengthening the family and protecting all children from abuse and neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, Prevent Child Abuse Hawai'i, State Department of Health, Child Abuse Prevention Planning Council and the Hawai'i Children's Trust Fund are sponsoring several events throughout the month to heighten public awareness of abuse and neglect in communities around the state. These events will provide information and materials that support families to prevent child maltreatment and celebrate people who work with and support children and families;

**THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE**, Governor, and **I, BRIAN SCHATZ**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim April, 2011, as

## **"CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH"**

and call upon all citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, military and businesses to increase their participation of efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening our communities.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-fourth day of March, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i